



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5445**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING WARNINGS REGARDING MERCURY IN FISH AND SHELLFISH.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October 1,  
2       2006, the Commissioner of Public Health shall develop a consumer  
3       notice about mercury in fish and shellfish, which shall be made  
4       available to the public and posted on the Department of Public  
5       Health's web site on the Internet. Such consumer notice shall contain  
6       (1) information about the nutritional value of fish and shellfish, (2) a  
7       warning about the harmful effects of mercury in pregnant and nursing  
8       women, women who may become pregnant and young children, (3)  
9       advice about the types of fish and shellfish that pregnant and nursing  
10      women, women who may become pregnant and young children  
11      should avoid, and (4) toll-free telephone numbers and Internet web  
12      site addresses that consumers may access for additional information  
13      about the risks of mercury in fish and shellfish, including, but not  
14      limited to: The federal Food and Drug Administration's Food  
15      Information Hotline, the federal Food and Drug Administration's Food  
16      Safety web site, the federal Environmental Protection Agency's Fish  
17      Advisory web site and the Department of Public Health's web site.
- 18      (b) No grocery or food store, as defined in section 22-38b of the  
19      general statutes, shall sell fish or shellfish to consumers in this state,

20 unless the owner or operator of the store has posted the consumer  
21 notice developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section in a vertical  
22 display in close proximity to the fish or shellfish being sold.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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